

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE TOWN OF

MERRIMACK

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

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INCLUDING THE VITAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1953



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OFFICERS

Representative to General Court

BERT L. PEASLEE

Moderator

ROBERT A. BULLARD

Town Clerk

CLAUDE M. MAKER

Town Treasurer

HAZEL D. FISK

Selectmen

EDWARD J. HASELTINE HAROLD V. BUKER
WILLIAM N. FOOTER

Trustees of Trust Funds

JOHN W. WRIGHT FLORENCE RICHARDSON
HAROLD V. BUKER

Auditors

ILA PERRY BEULAH H. HASELTINE

Supervisors of Checklist

GERALD W. PERRY ALBA J. BENNETT
LOUIS HOFFMAN

Road Agent

EDGAR THIBODEAU

Tax Collector

WILBUR L. FOSTER

Chief of Police

FRANK R. FLANDERS

Police Officers

Fire Department

Chief, FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE
Deputy Chief, WILBUR J. FOSTER
Captain, CLARENCE A. CARMAN

Captain, ALBERT AVERY
1st Lt., J. WILSON FRENCH
1st Lt., ARNOLD HEATH
2nd Lt., FAY READ
2nd Lt., FRANK HALL
Clerk, CHARLES NUTE, Jr.
Treasurer, WILBUR J. FOSTER

Forest Fire Warden

FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE

Deputy Wardens

FRANCIS BEAN
CLARENCE WORSTER
FRANK HALL

BERT L. PEASLEE
ARNOLD HEATH
EDGAR THIBODEAU

Health Officer

DR. PAUL deNICOLA

Library Trustees

Overseer of Poor

HAROLD V. BUKER

Librarian

MARGUERITE M. HENDERSON

Assistant

BEULAH HASELTINE

Janitor Town Hall

JOSEPH ROY

Sexton of Cemeteries

FRANCIS BEAN

Budget Committee

WALTER A. WHALIN
FRANCIS W. BEAN
EDWIN J. WOODWARD

MORRIS LIFFMAN
FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE
JOHN WRIGHT

School Moderator

PERLEY J. GREELEY

School Clerk

ELLA ASHTON

School Treasurer

WILLIAM SHOREY

School Board

FRANCIS J. O'GARA

MABEL P. JEBB
RITA PUTNAM

Trustees McGaw High School

MABEL JEBB

RITA PUTNAM

FRANCIS J. O'GARA

School Auditors

ILA PERRY

BEULAH HASELTINE

Civilian Defense Director
HOBART PENROD

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Merrimack on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the ensuing year for the following Town functions.
 1. Town Officers Salaries.
 2. Town Officers Expenses.
 3. Election and Registration.
 4. Overseer of the Poor.
 5. Town Hall and other Buildings.
 6. Police Department.
 7. Fire Department.
 8. Health Department.
 9. Maintenance of Highways and Bridges.
 10. Oil for Town Roads.
 11. Town Road Aid.
 12. Snow Removal.
 13. Street Lights.
 14. Library.
 15. Town Poor.
 16. Old Age Assistance.
 17. Memorial Day.
 18. Cemeteries.
 19. Town Dump.
 20. Insurance.
 21. Regional Association.

4. To see what action the Town will take regarding new heating equipment, insulation and repairs to the Town Hall.

5. To see what action the Town will take regarding the closing of the Grader Road, the road from Gambles to Peaslees, and a section of road near Turkey Hill.

6. To see what action the Town will take regarding the offer of land for a swimming pool from Mr. Mervin Weston.

7. To see if the Town will accept the land given to the Town by Henry Keistlinger.

8. To see what action the Town will take regarding the term of office for the Chief of Police or take any action thereto.

9. To see what action the Town will take regarding the purchase of a tank truck for the Fire Department.

10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the one and one quarter mile of road from the State located on the Baboosic Road between Stanley Little's and Harold Buker's.

11. To see what action the Town will take regarding the rebuilding of Willow Bridge. Estimated cost \$2,000.00.

12. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the present fire station and land from the New England Chemical Company for the sum of One Dollar.

13. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of New Street Lights.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the completion of a Veterans Memorial Ball Field adjacent to the High School. A Committee of five will be appointed by the Merrimack Memorial Post #98 Commander to carry out the project.

15. To see what action the Town will take regarding the licensing of Bicycles.

16. To see what action the Town will take regarding amendments to the Zoning Law.

17. To see what action the Town will take regarding a salary for the Dog Officer.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

E. J. HASELTINE
HAROLD V. BUKER
Selectmen of Merrimack

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

E. J. HASELTINE
HAROLD V. BUKER
Selectmen of Merrimack

BUDGET

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,387.15
Railroad Tax	254.04
Savings Bank Tax	282.53
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	485.21
For Fighting Forest Fires	10.80
National Forest Reserve	200.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	467.50
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	106.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	972.35
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	153.00
Income of Departments:	703.41
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,234.71
Sale of Town Property	3,160.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:	
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	1,110.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	22.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 2,790.56	\$ 3,000.00
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00	1,239.32	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00	310.75	600.00
Municipal Court Expenses		19.45	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	1,800.00	2,438.00	1,800.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	1,300.00	1,241.25	1,400.00
Fire Department	3,500.00	3,590.22	4,500.00
Insurance	1,000.00	873.87	900.00
Health:			
Health Department, Incl. Hospitals	400.00	377.49	
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	1,500.00	1,077.00	1,200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	17,000.00	17,126.88	18,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,000.00	4,809.45	5,000.00
Street Lighting	1,125.00	957.14	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	982.13	1,027.03	951.81
Libraries			
	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	116.82	500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	2,647.07	2,600.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	75.00	76.71	75.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	582.22	500.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses			
, Incl. Dog Damage		88.15	
Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00	200.00	100.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loan		138.55	
On Long Term Notes and Bonds		180.00	
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERM. IMPROV.:			
Water Works Construction			100.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,565.00	
INDEBTEDNESS:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:			
County Taxes	9,537.06	9,537.06	
School Taxes	71,515.45	71,515.45	
F. L. HASELTINE ARTHUR P. BRUCE MORRIS LIFFMAN JOHN W. WRIGHT EDWIN J. WOODWARD WALTER A. WHALEN RUPERT A. GREEN			

Budget Committee

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1. In July the Board of Selectmen entered into an agreement with James Longa to provide the land and care for a public dump. The agreement provided for complete dump maintenance at the rate of \$1200.00 annually.

2. In August the Selectmen conducted a public auction of all lands owned by the Town which it had acquired through non payment of taxes. The Town realized \$3160.00 from this sale in addition to returning this property into tax paying hands.

3. During the fall the Town lines were preambulated in accordance with statutory requirements, with the Selectmen of Hollis, Amherst and Bedford. Several of the markers had to be replaced.

4. The Selectmen wish to acknowledge with appreciation the efforts of State Trooper William Esson in having the serious traffic hazard eliminated at the junction of McGaw Bridge road and U. S. Route 3.

5. The area around the Town Hall has been cleared and improved in order to better accomodate the parking of cars at public functions. Prior to this improvement the parking of cars around and near the building created a serious danger in case of emergency. It is hoped by the Selectmen that the citizens will cooperate by parking their cars away from the driveway to the hall and the building at all public functions in the future. The improvement was made possible through the generosity of Henry and Marion Keistlinger who gave the Town additional land to square off the Town Hall lot.

6. The Selectmen met with representatives of the State Highway Department regarding the possible improvement of the road junction at the Library and U. S. Route three. It is possible that the State will improve this road junction sometime during this coming summer.

7. Last summer Mr. Mervin Weston offered the Town a piece of land located on the Bedford Road bordering on Baboosic Brook between Fred Hall's and Walter Pearson's, for public use as a swimming and picnic area. The land includes a large field suitable for parking cars and about four hundred feet frontage on the Brook. Some money was expended in making the swimming area larger but will require some more work. It is recommended that the town vote to accept this gift.

E. J. HASELTINE
H. V. BUKER
WM. N. FOOTER

Selectmen of Merrimack

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings	\$1,782,015.00
Electric Plants	217,769.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 34	2,535.00
Cows, 314	31,165.00
Other Neat Stock, 23	1,150.00
Sheep and Goats, 7	100.00
Hogs, 10	210.00
Fowls, 12,899	12,899.00
Fur-bearing Animals, 80	1,600.00
Boats and Launches, 1	200.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	3,070.00
Stock in Trade	66,100.00
Mills and Machinery	118,400.00
Locks and Canals	1,200.00
 Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	 \$2,238,413.00
Less soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind, 182	173,225.00
 Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	 \$2,065,188.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$ 173,225.00
Number of inventories distributed, 885	
Number of inventories returned, 563	
Number of veterans who received property exemptions, 182	
E. J. HASELTINE	
H. V. BUKER	
WM. N. FOOTER	
Selectmen	

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND TAXES ASSESSED**

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,575.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,800.00
Police Department	1,300.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
Health Department	400.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	982.13
Town Maintenance—Summer 10,000; Winter 5,000.	15,000.00
Road Oil	7,000.00
Overseer of Poor	125.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1,125.00
New Equipment (Fire Alarm, Snow Plow)	3,500.00
Libraries	1,400.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Public Relief	500.00
Memorial Day & Veterans Associations (Old Home Day)	75.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00
Payments on Debt	2,000.00
County Tax	9,537.06
School Tax	80,496.02
Total Town and School Appropriations	<hr/> \$137,915.21

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,370.01
Railroad Tax	225.00
Savings Bank Tax	250.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,928.76
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,000.00
Dog Licenses	400.00
Fines and Forfeits—Municipal Court	500.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	180.00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 10,853.77

Plus Overlay	\$127,061.44
	1,683.14

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$128,744.58
Less: Number 750 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00	1,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	29.00

	1,529.00

Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$127,215.58
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$127,215.58
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	1,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	29.00

Total Taxes to be Committed	\$128,744.58
Tax Rate Approved by Tax Commission	\$6.16

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953**

	Appropriated	Receipts	Total Available	Amount Expended	Unexpected Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,575.00		\$ 2,575.00	\$ 2,790.56	\$ 215.56	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,239.32	\$ 39.32	
Election & Registration	200.00		200.00	310.75	110.75	
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,800.00	638.00	2,438.00	2,745.72	307.72	
Police Department	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,241.25	58.75	
Fire Department	3,500.00	290.94	3,790.94	3,590.22	200.72	
Health Department	400.00	132.00	532.00	377.49	154.51	
Town Road Aid	982.13		982.13	1,026.03	44.90	
Road Maintenance and Oil	17,000.00	250.35	17,250.35	17,126.88	123.47	
Snow Removal	5,000.00	8.00	5,008.00	4,809.45	198.55	
Town Dumps	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,077.00	423.00	
Street Lighting	1,125.00		1,125.00	957.14	167.86	
Library	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00		
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00	2,647.07		
Town Poor	500.00	75.00	575.00	116.82	458.18	
Memorial Day	75.00		75.00	76.71	1.71	
Cemeteries	600.00		600.00	582.22	17.78	
Merrimack Valley Assoc.	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Insurance	1,000.00		1,000.00	873.87	126.13	
County Tax	9,537.06		9,537.06	9,537.06		
School Money	77,494.52		77,494.52	77,494.52		
Overseer of the Poor	125.00		125.00	60.00	65.00	
Fire Alarm System	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Grader Note	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Snow Plow	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,565.00	565.00	
Total	\$134,913.71	\$ 1,594.29				
			\$136,508.00	\$133,746.08	\$ 4,493.95	\$ 1,732.03

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the Town of Merrimack, N. H., in Hillsborough County
for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953
CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated January 25, 1954

E. J. HASELTINE
WM. N. FOOTER

Selectmen

HAZEL D. FISK,

Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash	\$39,732.27
In hands of treasurer	7,745.62
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(from tax sale on account of)	
(a) Levy of 1952	1,267.82
(c) Levy of 1951	146.64
(d) Previous Years	48.63
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1953	20,931.46
(d) Previous Years	184.60
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	1,240.00
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	110.00
 Total Assets	 \$71,407.14
 Grand Total	 \$71,407.14
Net—Surplus, December 31, 1952	4,660.44
Net Debt—Surplus, December 31, 1953	9,667.14
Increase of Surplus	5,006.70

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding Fire Alarm System 2,500.00

Due to State:

(a) State Head Taxes—1953 (uncollected) 1,240.00

Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation 51,000.00

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Grader Notes 7,000.00

Total Liabilities

\$61,740.00

Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)

9,667.14

Grand Total

\$71,407.14

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 12,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00
2. Libraries, Lands and Buildings	18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00
3. Police Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	600.00
4. Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	15,000.00
5. Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	12,500.00
Materials and Supplies	250.00
6. Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,000.00
7. Water Supply, if owned by Town	15,000.00
9. Schools, Lands and Buildings	150,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00
11. All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Spaulding Lot	150.00
MacDougal Lot	50.00
Total	<hr/> \$235,550.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses:

Issued 107 male

20 female

48 spays

3 kennel

178	\$467.50
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Cr.

Paid Treasurer

\$ 467.50

Auto Permits:

Issued 1106

\$6,234.71

Cr.

Paid Treasurer

\$6,234.71

(Please bring your poll and head tax receipts with you when you apply for permit)

December 31, 1953.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953

— Dr. —

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$127,141.32
Poll taxes	1,500.00
National Bank Stock taxes	29.00
Timber Yield taxes	1,441.03
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Total Warrant	\$130,111.35
Added Taxes:	
Property taxes	1,475.32
Poll taxes	86.00
Sewer taxes	172.00
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Interest Collected:	
Property taxes	5.37
Yield taxes	.13
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Refunds:	
Property taxes	27.24
Yield taxes	6.46
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Total Debits	\$131,884.07

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Remittance to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$106,094.21
Poll taxes	1,108.00
National Bank Stock taxes	22.00
Yield taxes	1,262.89
Interest: Property taxes	5.57
Yield taxes	.13
Discounts allowed	808.51
Abatements:	
Property taxes	1,538.30
Poll taxes	106.00
National Bank Stock taxes	7.00
Uncollected:	
Property taxes	20,374.86
Poll taxes	372.00
Yield taxes	184.60
Total Credits	\$131,884.07

Uncollected Timber Yield Taxes:

Levy of 1953	
Currier, Robert	\$184.60

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES**

Levy of 1952

— Dr. —

Uncollected taxes of January 1, 1953:

Property taxes	\$18,475.62
Poll taxes	400.00
Yield taxes	356.00
	—————
	\$19,231.52

Added Taxes:

Property taxes	170.80
Poll taxes	64.00
	—————
	234.80

Interest Collected:

Property taxes	336.52
Poll taxes	7.17
Yield taxes	8.70
At tax sale	46.91
	—————
	399.30

Costs Collected:

Before sale	15.75
At tax sale	68.40
	—————
Total Debits	84.15
	—————
	\$19,949.87

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$18,532.35
Poll taxes	384.00
Yield taxes	167.00
Interested Collected:	
Property taxes	336.52
Poll taxes	7.17
Yield taxes	8.70
At tax sale	46.91
Costs Collected:	
Before sale	15.75
At tax sale	68.40
Abatements:	
Property taxes	114.07
Poll taxes	56.00
Yield taxes	179.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Poll taxes	24.00
Yield taxes	10.00
Total Credits	\$19,949.87

STATE HEAD TAXES

	—DR—	Levy of	1953	1952	1951
Warrant			\$4,930.00		
Uncollected January 1, 1953			\$1,420.00	\$40.00	
Added Taxes			245.00	110.00	
Penalties collected			9.50	120.50	1.50
 Total Debits			<hr/> \$5,184.50	<hr/> \$1,650.50	<hr/> \$41.50
	—CR—				
Remittance to Treasurer:					
Head taxes			\$3,685.00	\$1,205.00	\$15.00
Penalties			9.50	120.50	1.50
Abatements			250.00	240.00	
Uncollected			1,240.00	85.00	25.00
 Total Credits			<hr/> \$5,184.50	<hr/> \$1,650.50	<hr/> \$41.50

POLL TAXES

Levy of:	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
Uncollected poll taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$14.46	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$10.00
Added taxes	4.00	2.00	4.00	4.00			
Interest collected	.17	.34	.84	1.08	1.20	1.44	3.07
 Total Debits	<hr/> \$20.17	<hr/> \$18.34	<hr/> \$14.84	<hr/> \$19.54	<hr/> \$13.20	<hr/> \$13.44	<hr/> \$13.07
	—CR—						
Remittances to Treasurer:							
Poll taxes	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Interest collected	.17	.34	.84	1.08	1.20	1.44	3.07
Uncollected	16.00	16.00	10.00	14.46	8.00	8.00	5.00
 Total Credits	<hr/> \$20.17	<hr/> \$18.34	<hr/> \$14.84	<hr/> \$19.54	<hr/> \$13.20	<hr/> \$13.44	<hr/> \$13.07

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Levy of:	1952	1951	1950	1949
Taxes sold to Town during current year		\$1,580.55		
Uncollected redemptions as of Jan. 1, 1953		\$452.60	\$274.21	\$21.71
Interest collected	7.32	19.59	36.78	
 Total Debits	<hr/> \$1,587.87	<hr/> \$472.19	<hr/> \$310.99	<hr/> \$21.71
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Deeded to Town	\$13.23			
Remittances to Treasurer	\$306.72	\$325.55	\$284.07	
Unredeemed taxes	\$1,267.92	146.64	26.92	\$21.71
 Total Credits	<hr/> \$1,587.87	<hr/> \$472.19	<hr/> \$310.99	<hr/> \$21.71

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Receipts and Payments

Receipts

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes:

1. Property Taxes—Current Year '53	\$106,094.21
2. Poll Taxes—Current Year Reg. at \$2	1,110.00
3. National Bank Stock Taxes—1953	22.00
4. Yield Taxes—1953	1,212.89
5. State Head Taxes at \$5—1953	3,685.00
6. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$112,124.10
7. Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—Previous Years	18,968.35
8. Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Reg. at \$2	409.00
9. State Head Taxes at \$5—Previous Years	1,220.00
10. Interest received on Taxes	495.98
11. Penalties on State Head Taxes	131.50
12. Tax sales redeemed	936.80

From State:

14. Interest and dividend tax	2,387.15
15. Railroad Tax	254.04
16. Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	282.53
18. Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	485.21
20. Fighting forest fires	10.80
22. Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	200.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog licenses	467.50
25. Business Licenses, permits and filing fees	106.00
26. Fines and forfeits, municipal court	972.35
27. Rent of town property	153.00
30. Income from departments	703.41
33. Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	6,234.71

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$146,542.43
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	2,000.00
37. Insurance adjustments, Town Hall Fire	485.00
38. Refunds	655.78
42. Sale of town property	3,160.00
Grader Rental	1,297.83
Abatements and Discounts	2,808.98
1954 Yield Tax Bond	120.00
 Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	 \$28,527.49
 Total Receipts from All Sources	 \$175,069.92
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	33,810.55
 Grand Total	 \$208,880.47

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

1. Town officer's salaries	\$ 3,403.56
2. Town officer's expenses	1,239.32
3. Election and registration expenses	310.75
4. Municipal court expenses	19.45
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,745.73

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	1,241.25
8. Fire department, including forest fires	3,590.22
10. Bounties	.50
11. Damage by dogs	88.15
12. Insurance	873.87

Health:

14. Health department, including hospitals	377.49
16. Sewer maintenance	31.55
17. Town dumps and garbage removal	1,077.00

Highways and Bridges:

18. Town Road Aid	1,027.03
19. Town Maintenance (Summer \$17,126.88)	
(Winter \$5,235.33)	22,362.21
20. Street lighting	957.14

Libraries:

22. Libraries	1,400.00
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Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	2,647.07
24. Town poor	116.82

Patriotic Purposes:

26. Memorial Day and Vets' Assns.	76.71
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Recreation:

28. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	164.75
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Public Service Enterprises:	
30. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	582.22
Unclassified:	
32. Damages and legal expenses	214.85
Total Payments	
32. Advertising and Regional Assns.	200.00
34. Taxes bought by town	1,664.70
35. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	2,903.58
36. Refund to State a/c Yield Taxes	94.66
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	
	\$ 4,862.94
Interest:	
38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	138.55
39. Paid on long term notes	180.00
Total Interest Payments	
	\$ 318.55
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Miscl. land sale, grader, census. swimming pool, zoning	1,551.87
49. New equipment (Highway \$1,565.)	1,565.00
Total Outlay Payments	
	\$ 3,116.87
Indebtedness:	
51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	20,000.00
52. Payments on long term notes	2,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	
	\$ 22,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
56. State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1953 Taxes \$1,921.50) (Prior Years \$3,582.58)	5,504.08
57. Taxes paid to County	9,537.06
59. Payments to School Districts (1952 Tax \$42,000.) (1953 Tax \$29,515.45)	71,515.45
Total Payments to Other Govt. Divisions	
	\$ 86,556.59
Total Payments for all Purposes	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	\$161,402.58 47,477.89
Grand Total	
	\$208,880.57

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS—TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H.

January 1-December 31, 1953

Received from W. J. Foster, Tax Collector:

Abatements:

1953 Property Taxes	\$1,545.30
1953 Poll Taxes	106.00
1952 Yield Taxes	179.00
1952 Property Taxes	114.07
1952 Poll Taxes	56.00
	\$ 2,000.37
Discounts: 1953	808.51

Head Taxes and Penalties:

1953 Head Taxes	3,685.00
1953 Head Taxes Penalties	9.50
1952 Head Taxes	1,205.00
1952 Head Taxes Penalties	120.50
1951 Head Taxes	15.00
1951 Head Taxes Penalties	1.50
	5,036.50

Poll Taxes:

1945 Rekular Polls	2.00
1945 Sepcial Polls	3.00
1946 Regular Polls	4.00
1947 Regular Polls	4.00
1948 Regular Polls	4.00
1949 Regular Polls	4.00
1950 Regular Polls	2.00
1951 Regular Polls	4.00
1952 Regular Polls	382.00
1953 Regular Polls	1,110.00
	1,519.00

Poll Tax Interest:

1945 Regular Poll Tax Interest	1.26	
1945 Special Poll Tax Interest	1.81	
1946 Regular Poll Tax Interest	1.44	
1947 Regular Poll Tax Interest	1.20	
1948 Regular Poll Tax Interest	1.08	
1949 Regular Poll Tax Interest	.84	
1950 Regular Poll Tax Interest	.34	
1951 Regular Poll Tax Interest	.34	
1952 Regular Poll Tax Interest	<u>7.17</u>	
		15.48
1952 Property Taxes		\$ 18,532.35
1953 Property Taxes		106,116.21
1952 Property Tax Interest		383.43
1953 Property Tax Interest		5.57
1953 Cost at Tax Sale		68.40
1952 Cost Before Tax Sale		15.75
1950 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax		247.29
1950 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax Interest		36.78
1951 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax		305.96
1951 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax Interest		19.59
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed		148.29
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax		151.11
1952 Tax Sales Redeemed Tax Interest		7.32
1951 Yield Tax	219.00	
1952 Yield Tax	217.00	
1953 Yield Tax	<u>1,212.89</u>	
		1,648.89
1951 Yield Tax Interest	18.98	
1952 Yield Tax Interest	8.70	
1953 Yield Tax Interest	.13	
		<u>27.81</u>

Received from Selectmen:

Ambulance Service	132.00
Building Permits	70.00
Checks Returned	324.56
Forest Fires	202.76
Hall Rent	153.00
Interest and Dividend Tax	2,387.15
Land Sale	3,158.00
Yield Tax Bond (Currier)	120.00
Head Tax Refund	180.00
Auto Permits	6,234.71
Dog Licenses	467.50
Filing Fees	10.00
Rental of Grader	1,297.83
Insurance—Town Hall Fire	485.00
Interest Refund Early Payment of Note	15.30
Junk	2.00
C. Edward Bourassa Overpayment	65.74
Nashua Trust Co. Short Term Notes	20,000.00
Summer Maintenance	250.35
Municipal Court Fines	
July 1952 through December 31, 1953	972.35
State of N. H. Old Age Recovery	200.00
Yield Tax Reimbursement	485.21
Railroad Tax	254.04
Savings Bank Tax	282.53
Snow Plowing	8.00
Public Service Co. Refund	10.30
Town Poor	75.00
Zoning	43.80

Fire Department:

Training Center	10.80
Sale of Auxiliary Pump	25.00
Oil Burner Permits	26.00
Check Returned (Nute)	26.38
	88.18
Grand Total	\$175,069.92

CASH DISBURSEMENTS—TOWN OF MERRIMACK

January 1-December 31, 1953

Town Officers' Salaries

E. J. Haseltine, Chairman Selectman	\$ 458.00
H. V. Bunker, Selectman	410.00
Wm. N. Footer, Selectman	340.00
Wilbur J. Foster, Tax Collector	1,102.56
Hazel D. Fisk, Treasurer	150.00
Claude M. Maker, Town Clerk	100.00
Beulah Haseltine, Auditor	80.00
Ila M. Perry, Auditor	90.00
Florence Richardson, Treasurer Trust Funds	60.00
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Claude M. Maker Auto Permits	\$2,790.56
Overseer of Poor	553.00
	60.00

Town Officers Expenses

E. J. Haseltine, Chairman Selectman	\$ 142.00
H. V. Bunker, Selectman	90.00
Wm. N. Footer, Selectman	160.00
Maxfield Press—Printing and Supplies	417.05
Phaneuf Press, Supplies	\$ 61.15
Assn. N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, Juror Notices	1.22
Hazel D. Fisk, Tax Books and Inventories	155.00
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	60.25
Ila M. Perry, Auditors Supplies	12.37
Banner Photo Service, Picture of Grader	4.00
Sarah A. Sloan, Envelopes and Stamps	62.17
Jenkins Clover Farm Store, Stamps	9.30
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	5.70
Gerald R. Hyde, Maps Pine Knoll Shores	10.00
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.00
Charles R. Hardy, Treas., Town Clerk Dues	2.00
Florence Richardson, Postage-Vault Rent-Car	27.11
Bert L. Peaslee, Perambulation of Town Lines	10.00
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	\$1,239.32

Election and Registration

Maxfield Press, Ballots and Check Lists	\$99.75
Gerald W. Perry, Supervisor	25.00
Louis Hoffman, Supervisor	25.00
Alba J. Bennett, Supervisor	25.00
Robert A. Bullard, Moderator	14.00
Claude M. Maker, Clerk	14.00
Charles King, Ballot Clerk	14.00
Henry Hock, Ballot Clerk	14.00
Earl Scheniderheinze, Ballot Clerk	14.00
Bert L. Peaslee, Ballot Clerk	14.00
E. J. Haseltine, Selectman	14.00
Harold V. Bunker, Selectman	14.00
Marie A. Hevey, Stenographer	6.00
Ladies Aid Society, Dinner and Supper	18.00
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	\$ 310.75

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Merrimack Co., Water	\$ 16.58
Nashua Coal & Oil Co. Inc., Oil	1128.95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone	116.68
Public Service Co., Lights	197.77
Joseph Roy, Janitor	412.25
Marwal Wood Products, Repair Benches	103.00
Bishop & Duxbury, Repair to Selectmen's Room	275.00
Walter Kowalski, Building Desk, Sel. Room	150.00
Lowell Stationery Co., Cabinet and Steel File	110.00
Manchester Paper Supply, Table Paper	12.81
Burroughs Adding Machine, Adding Machine	152.50
Wm. L. Nutting, Tuning Piano	12.00
J. Therrien Inc., Philgas	12.50
Granite State Asphalt Co., Asphalt	36.30
A. Keistlinger, Supplies	9.38
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	\$2,745.72

Police Department

E. J. O'Leary, Chief	\$144.12
Frank R. Flanders, Chief	386.78
Harold V. Bunker—Police Duty	67.52
Harold L. Flanders—Police Duty	23.00
Thomas A. Dutton—Police Duty	105.16
Daniel Rafferty, Jr.—Police Duty	11.95
Joseph L. Pynenburg—Police Duty	93.98
Garnet Broad—Police Duty	43.68
Alba J. Bennett—Police Duty	90.96
Joseph Roy—Police Duty	29.00
Elzear Houle—Police Duty	11.00
Albert Junkins—Police Duty	1.86
Phaneuf Press—Supplies—Letterheads	7.50
Maxfield Press—Court Summons	9.75
Alfred Pelletier—Changing Police Radio	54.00
John Worster—Installing Lights	10.25
Rosenfield Uniform Co.—Police Badges	53.40
Louis Jambard—Accident Photos (1952)	12.00
Sarah A. Sloan—Envelopes	17.38
Charles D. Hurley— Check & Alignment Police Radio	30.15
Check & Alignment of Police Radio	30.15
Belmont Supply Co.—Supplies	28.38
W. S. Darley & Co.—Children Auto Signs	7.13
Spaulding & Sons—Supplies	2.30
	\$1,241.25

Fire Department

Forest Fire Payroll	\$ 436.34
Roland Cadorette—Oil	69.50
Howard R. Greenleaf—Gas—Oil—Grease	162.30
Merrimack Co.—Hydrant Rental	320.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	139.37
Public Service Co.	154.57
Albert Avery—Care of Truck & Supplies	\$ 69.32
F. L. Haseltine—Battery, Switch & Parts	51.53
Gorham-Rupp Co.—Dual Fire Fighter	330.23
Maxim Motor Co.—16' Ladder	82.97
MacLeod-Davies Co.—Extinguishers	8.00
Joseph L. Pynenburg—Gas	21.55
N. H. Explosive & Machinery Co.—	
Seal Assembly	5.23
Nashua Battery Co.—Battery	19.02
Fire Protection Co.—Extinguisher	29.00
A. C. Heath—Postage	2.79
Training Meeting	21.60
Gilbert Beard—Inspection of Trucks	1.50
Fay W. Read—Care of Trucks	30.80
Charles Nute, Jr.—Supplies	41.57
Amos Billson—Gas	5.00
Phaneuf Press—Home File	7.50
L. Maurice Zing—Membership Fees	114.00
American LaFrance Co.—Tank & Extinguisher	34.98
Bishop & Duxbury—Repair to Fire House	9.00
Fairview Auto Repair—Siren & Truck Repair	10.25
Harry J. Lovell Co.—Line Hose	100.00
Claude M. Maker—Insurance	336.00
Carold F. Hall—Gas	20.05
Albee Bros.—8 Fire Coats	90.00
Forestry & Recreation Comm.—	
6 Knapsack Pumps	62.10
Jenkins Clover Farm Store—Antifreeze	1.35
Eastern Fire Equipment Co.—Supplies	27.36
Archie Slawsby Agency—Insurance	55.00
Haseltine Bros.—Acid Recharge	10.00
Robert A. Bullard—Paper Fire Payroll	.90
E. L. Phillips—6 Prs. Mittens	12.46
C. H. Austin Inc.—60' Wire	7.80
Merrimack Block & Gravel Co.—	
Tile, Blocks, Lining	12.43
Annual Fire Payroll	\$676.85

\$3,590.22

Damage by Dogs

Wheeler & Clark—Tags & License Book	\$23.50
John Worster—Disposal of Dogs & Telephone	18.95
Mrs. W. M. Raskewicz—	
Chickens Killed by Dogs	1.20
Claude M. Maker—Dog Licenses	44.50

	\$88.15

Insurance

Francis W. Bean—Town Hall	\$248.25
Archie Slawsby Agency—Town Hall	342.00
Claude M. Maker—Fire Trucks	202.00
Claude M. Maker—Insurance Audit	81.62

	\$873.87

Bounties

Rodney Durivage—Hedgehog	\$.50
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Health Department

City of Nashua—Ambulance Service	\$240.00
Wm. L. Cain—Ambulance Service	30.00
Paul deNicola, Health Officer	107.49

	\$377.49

Town Dumps

Oscar D. Young—Bulldozing	\$ 300.00
Payroll—Closing Dumps	177.00
James Longa—Care of Dump	600.00

	\$1,077.00

Street Lighting

Merrimack	\$659.70
Reeds Ferry	192.71
South Merrimack	104.73

	\$957.14

	Library	
Irving Mower, Treasurer		\$1,400.00
	Highways and Bridges	
Summer Maintenance	\$ 9,914.83	
Snow Removal	4,809.45	
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		\$14,724.28
	Town Road Aid	
Town Road Aid		\$1,027.03
	Old Age Assistance	
Old Age Assistance		\$2,647.07
	Town Poor	
Overseers Orders		\$116.82
	Memorial Day	
Merrimack Memorial Post #98		\$76.71
	Cemeteries	
Francis W. Bean	\$554.00	
Greenland Services Inc.—		
Parts for Lawnmower	28.22	
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		\$582.22
	Discounts	
Discounts		\$808.51
	Abatements	
Abatements		\$2,000.37
	Refunds	
Wm. N. Footer—Overpayment Taxes	\$16.41	
Reeds Ferry Lumber Corp.—		
Overpayment of Taxes	10.83	
E. G. Bigwood—Overpayment of Taxes	61.00	
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		\$88.24
	County Tax	
Hillsboro County Tax		\$9,537.06
	School Money	
W. Russell Cupit—Appropriation—1952	\$42,000.00	
Wm. C. Shorey—Appropriation—1953	29,496.02	
Gravel & Grading High School—1953	19.43	
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		\$71,515.45

Damage and Legal

Hillsboro County Registry Deeds—Deeds	\$ 15.87
C. Edward Bourassa—Deeds, Mortgages	66.34
Donat Corriveau—Tax Titles	74.14
Gerald R. Hyde—Surveying	
McQuesten & Duck Pond	58.50

Cost of Tax Sale	\$ 214.85
Cost Before Tax Sale	\$ 68.40
Grader	15.75
Head Taxes—1951 (Paid Under Protest)	2,880.43
1952	230.00
1953	3,352.58

1953	1,921.50

Internal Revenue—Summer Maintenance	5,504.08
Internal Revenue—Snow Removal	346.08
Interest on Loan	79.80
Land Sale	318.55
Loans	85.60
Merrimack Valley Regional Assn.—1952	20,000.00
1953	\$100.00

Miscellaneous—Taking Census &	200.00
Bulldozing Swimming Pool	481.64
Municipal Court—Supplies	19.45
New Equipment—Snow Plow	1,565.00
Parks & Playgrounds	
Harold V. Baker—Hauling Cast Stone &	
Loam—Depot St. Oval	65.00
Nelson Cement Stone Co. Inc—Cement—	
Depot St. Oval	99.75
Road Oil	7,212.05
Sewers—Sewer Pipe	31.55
Tax Sale	1,533.64
Tax Sale—Interest	46.91
Timber Yield Tax—Richard Weston Refund	6.46
Yield Tax—State of N. H. (Wm. N. Footer)	94.66
Zoning—Supplies—Maxfield Press	104.20

GRAND TOTAL	\$161,402.58

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the Town of Merrimack in Hillsborough County
for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated 2/10/1954

E. J. HASELTINE

HAROLD V. BUKER

WM. N. FOOTER

Selectmen

HAZEL D. FISK,

Treasurer

Summer Maintenance—Detailed Statement

LABOR:

Edgar Thibodeau	\$ 1,316.22
Everett Longa	1,024.20
Solomon Duncklee	493.10
Clifton Watkins	574.38
Lewis Raymond	307.10
Thomas Watkins	37.90
Harry Richardson	664.90
Francis Bean	373.90
Roland Allard	60.50
Henry Stimson	833.60
Harold Buker	47.00
Arthur Longa	73.50
George Bishop, Jr.	38.00
John Worster	38.00
Elwin French	140.00
Edward Hoffman	8.50
Kenneth Mason	15.30
John Patten	176.20
James Watkins	201.70
Floyd Williams, Jr.	65.80
George Bourbeau	8.00
Bernard Carpentier	9.00
Ernest Pearson	10.00
Carl Perkins	70.80
Guy Raymond	81.10
Clifton Roach	6.00
Joseph Roy	1.60
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	\$ 6,676.20

TRUCKS:

Edgar Thibodeau	\$ 1,854.76
Henry Stimson	1,239.88
Harold Bunker	100.00
Arthur Longa	167.25
Kenneth Mason	20.00
LOADER:	
Edgar Thibodeau	1,228.00
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	\$ 4,609.89

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ray Road Equipment—

Flags, Shovels, Diggers	\$ 69.96
Oscar Young—Bulldozing & Grading	85.00
Hume Pipe of N. E.—Pipe	289.81
State of N. H.—Highway Signs	67.50
Koppers Co. Inc.—55 5'6" Posts	41.25
O. H. Connell—Tire & Tube—Sweeper	13.00
Granite St. Asphalt—Asphalt	201.59
Rice's Corp.—Tire & Tube—Wheelbarrow	7.95
Gravel	46.50
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TOTAL	\$ 822.56
Maintenance	\$ 9,914.83
Road Oil—Labor	2,193.82

Snow Removal & Sanding—Detailed Statement

LABOR:

Edgar Thibodeau	\$ 454.66
Everett Longa	309.70
Solomon Duncklee	32.20
Clifton Watkins	22.00
Lewis Raymond	24.00
Roland Allard	4.00
Henry Stimson	185.80
Harold Buker	53.80
Arthur Longa	38.00
George Bishop, Jr.	31.00
John Worster	88.50
Elwin French	105.50
Gilbert Beard	26.50
Earl Bishop	53.50
William Butler	47.10
Fred Edgerly	45.70
Donald Flanders	10.00
Leon Lord	5.00
Kenneth Mason	136.50
John Patten	6.00
John Raskewicz	28.50
Ernest Raymond	74.50
Perley Rogers	15.50
Guy Watkins	48.00
James Watkins	74.10
Floyd Williams, Jr.	261.30
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	\$2,181.36

TRUCKS:

Edgar Thibodeau	\$ 866.73
Henry Stimson	359.00
Harold Buker	196.28
Arthur Longa	119.60
Kenneth Mason	80.00
Guy Watkins	127.40
 LOADER:	
Edgar Thibodeau	314.00
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	\$2,063.01

MISCELLANEOUS:

Eddy Labrie—Repair Snow Plow	\$ 20.15
E. E. Nadeau & Sons—Repair Snow Plow	4.50
Ray Road Equipment—Repair &	
Parts Snow Plow	150.75
H. R. Greenleaf—Parts Snow Plow & Sander	23.39
R. C. Hazelton Co.—Parts Snow Plow	35.49
Hume Pipe of N. E.—Culvert Pipe	153.60
Oscar Young—Labor on Culverts	112.00
Gravel	65.20
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TOTAL	\$ 565.08
	\$4,809.45

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Merrimack, N. H.
Police Report from 1-1-53 to 3-10-53

Arrests

Speeding	5
Drunk	1
Crossing Yellow Line	1
Careless & Negligent Operating	1
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	8

Complaints

Accidents	11
Hold Ups	1
Larceny	1
Shooting	1
Boys Causing Trouble	3
Drunks	1
Suspicious Cars	1
Family Trouble	4
Assistance to Other Police Departments	2
Miscellaneous Complaints	21
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	46

EDMUND J. O'LEARY
Chief of Police
1-1-53 to 3-10-53

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The town of Merrimack has been very fortunate in having had only three accidents involving school children walking to and from school, particularly so considering the large number of first and second graders who have even a short distance to walk on the highway and our side roads.

May I urge all parents to continue cautioning their children to always walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, to keep as far to the left as possible, and to take time to look carefully both ways before crossing.

Most motorists reduce speed and exercise extreme caution when driving in the vicinity of children, but they cannot anticipate a sudden dash in front of them. Let's try to have a perfect record in this coming year.

May I express my grateful appreciation to all those who gave aid and assistance to this department during the past year.

Complaints

Accidents	25
Family trouble	10
Suspicious cars	8
Suspicious men	1
Boys causing trouble	9
Boys causing damage	6
Breaking and entering	2
Attempted break	1
Alleged rape	1
Shooting	2
Drunks	5
Dogs killing chickens	2
Dogs	6
Run away children	2
Lost children	2
Assisting other departments	26
False alarm	1
Theft	1
Stolen bicycles (recovered)	2
Prowlers	4
Miscellaneous	22
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	138

Arrests

Speeding	1
Passing over yellow line	3
Driving under influence	3
Breaking and entering	1
Drunks	2
Careless operating	3
Unlicensed dog	1

FRANK R. FLANDERS

Chief of Police

MERRIMACK MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Total Cases	225
Drunkeness	2
Taking Fish out of Season	1
Unlicensed dog	1
Operating under the influence	3
Cheating a public carrier	2
Barbering without proper license	1
Destruction of property	1
Small claims	1
Motor vehicle cases	113

REPORT OF MERRIMACK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Alarm: Siren in Merrimack—Siren in Reeds Ferry—Siren in South Merrimack.

Every courteous act and assistance extended in preventing and extinguishing fires is greatly appreciated by your fire department.

F. L. Haseltine, W. J. Foster, C. M. Nute, Jr., C. Carman, J. W. French, F. Read, W. Allgaire, Jr., G. Allgaire, G. Beard, E. Bishop, N. de Vito, E. J. Haseltine, J. Janas, C. G. King, A. Longa, H. C. McCalvey, T. Read, J. Roy, J. Tucker, E. Thibodeau, T. Warriner, E. G. Wilkins, C. Worcester, J. H. Worcester, R. McRoberts, P. J. Greeley, A. Burgess, N. Hall, L. Coutermash, A. Avery, A. C. Heath, J. F. Hall, J. Bicknell, B. E. Hall, C. F. Hall, A. Junkins, C. Warren, H. Whalin.

We welcome your suggestions. Meetings are open to the public at any time for information or suggestions. We consider our procedure to be sound and correct, if we cannot defend same as such we will gladly correct.

Manhours expended on hose	14½
Manhours expended on house fires	169
Manhours expended on drills	86
Manhours expended on dump fires	49
Manhours expended on car fires	33
Manhours expended on officers meetings	20
Manhours expended on chimney fires	106
Manhours expended on false alarms	24
Manhours expended on underwriters tests	21
Manhours expended on defending untrue reports	9

Forest Fire Suppression 28 calls—393½ manhours expended and fire department equipment used at a total cost of \$531.27, of this amount parties responsible for starting the fire have paid \$382.29, town treasurer has paid \$63.69, state of N. H. has paid \$85.29. Two hundred and fifty-two fire permits issued. This effort has been according to the state laws.

Oil burning equipment installation permits issued, 15; this effort is in accordance with N. H. State laws.

In case of fire call the fire department by phone. After that do everything you can to put the fire out. Keep buildings closed as much as possible. On arrival of department tell them where water is available; where main switch is located; where oil tank is located; where hallways, stairways, passageways and doors are located and any other information that might be useful. At all times the alarm will be sounded when the department is called, except when there is a large detachment of men immediately available to accompany apparatus. You will please keep all roads open so trucks can move over them.

If and when the town gets dial telephones, dial fire number, stay on the line telling whom answers where fire is located.

No part of the \$2,500.00 appropriated for alarm system has been expended to date.

Fire Department Chief

RELIEF

Old Age Assistance

Paid State Treasurer, 14 cases	\$2,647.07
Less Recovery from Estates	200.00
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	\$2,447.07

Town Poor

Food and Hospitalization	\$116.82
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Overseer of Poor

Service as Overseer of Poor, Harold V. Bunker	\$60.00
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DOG OFFICER'S REPORT — 1953

Having confined my activities in the past year to neighborhood complaints disposing of stray, injured and unwanted dogs, this is my report to the citizens of Merrimack.

Hoping to be of more service in the year to come.

Thank you,

JOHN H. WORSTER

Dog Officer

Neighborhood complaints	6
Stray and unwanted dogs	22
Injured dogs	4
Call for child bitten by dog	1
Telephone and expenses	\$ 5.90
Licenses sold	16.00
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	\$21.00

SHEDD-HARRIS MEMORIAL WATER SYSTEM

Revenue collected from November 30, 1952 to

November 30, 1953	\$1,330.72
Accounts receivable	164.31
Accounts payable	None
Operating expenses:	
Plant additions	1,964.80
Plant maintenance	653.86
Cash in Banks:	
Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,139.79
Indian Head National Bank	245.79
Cash on hand	10.28

Committee,

ARTHUR G. GORDON

JOHN WRIGHT

EDWARD W. CARTER

FRANKLIN L. HASELTINE

LIBRARY REPORT

Number of books in library	10,294
Number of books added by gift and purchase	292
Number of magazines	24
Number of magazines given	6
Number of books and magazines loaned	12,688
Number of new names registered	110
Number of visitors	72
Fines collected	\$55.83

An inventory of library material was taken in August, books and pamphlets no longer of value were discarded, giving shelf space needed, in addition shelves were put in the end of basement to care for books of value but of small circulation, these books are cataloged and placed in order on shelves also in basement is overflow of books from upstairs that have been read many times but are too good to discard, they may be read again by new readers.

May 14 The Community Club with invited guests met at the library for the annual library day at which time Mr Metcalf of the N. H. State Dept. of Public Health spoke of work and progress of public health throughout the world and showed animated colored film on subject.

Nov 28 Open house was held in recognition of book week with a display of books and historical material after noon tea was served.

Gifts from:

F. E. Compton & Co.	Christine Moore
Dame—book dealers	George Carter
Mr. and Mrs F. L. Haseltine	Christian Science Church
J. Wilson French	of Nashua, N. H.
Community Club	Mrs. Fanny Mason
American Legion Auxiliary	Reed's Ferry Woman's Club

MARGUERITE M. HENDERSON

Librarian

REPORT OF THE
PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
February 12, 1954

The Planning and Building Committee members, individually, not as a group, maintained interested inspections of the construction of the new wing during the summer.

Each member of this committee was contacted by the Chairman of the School Board after school opened in September. Mr. O'Gara informed this group that the enrollment at that time was 470 pupils, an increase of 58 over the figure noted February 1, 1953. This was an increase of 17 over the *projected* figure for February 1, 1954. It was therefore recommended by the School Board that the wall for the 4th classroom be erected and painted at this time. This was approved by the Planning and Building Committee.

A meeting was officially called in November in conjunction with the School Board to inspect the wing and to inquire into the financial status of the wing and into the completion date of the building. A final contract of \$53,066. with \$3183.96 for architects fee was noted.

A second meeting was called in December for final inspection of the wing with Mr. Hersey, Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Hastings, and School Board present. At this time the buildings with minor notations was turned over to the School Board and accepted by them, occupancy to be completed before Christmas vacation.

PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Rupert Green, 3 yrs., Chairman
by Eleanor Haseltine, 3 yrs. Secretary
William Footer, 2 yrs.
Bert Peaslee, 2 yrs.
Edmond J. Houle, 1 yr.
Arnold Heath, 1 yr.

THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE hereby recommend the following:

1. That an overall plan of the school grounds be made by the School Board and this Committee, in order to accommodate all future projects.
2. That the acoustical ceiling be placed in the 4th classroom and lunchroom of the wing and the tile floor be placed in the 4th classroom.
3. That the Principal of the High School be elected as a permanent member of the Planning and Building Committee, as of this year.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Merrimack, N. H.

We have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Committee, Trust Funds, Shedd-Harris Memorial Water System and Merrimack Municipal Court for the year ending December 31, 1953 and find the receipts and payments correctly cast and properly vouched with the exceptions as noted.

BEULAH HASELTINE
ILA PERRY

Auditors

January 30, 1954

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Merrimack, N. H., Year Ended December 31, 1953

NAME OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Date of Creation	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year	Estimating of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
							Income During Year	Expended During Year	
John Anderson	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1924	\$ 100.00		\$.38	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.00	\$.43	
Jennie Arthur	Manchester Savings Bank	1919	100.00		.06	3.04	3.00	.10	
Perley E. Austin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1921	100.00		.49	3.06	3.00	.55	
Mary E. Anderson	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1928	50.00		.09	1.51	1.50	.10	
June L. Abbott	Manchester Savings Bank	1947	200.00		.69	6.10	6.00	.79	
W. A. Barker	Manchester Savings Bank	1915	100.00		.10	3.04	3.00	.14	
Reuben Barnes	Manchester Savings Bank	1906	100.00		.19	3.04	3.00	.23	
Herman O. Bean	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1924	150.00		.17	4.57	4.50	.24	
Willie E. Betterly	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1898	100.00		.04	3.05	3.00	.09	
James W. Blood	Manchester Savings Bank	1912	100.00		.22	3.04	3.00	.26	
Horatio O. Bowers	Manchester Savings Bank	1912	100.00		.06	3.04	3.00	.10	
David H. Boynton	Manchester Savings Bank	1912	50.00		.21	1.50	1.50	.21	
Bean-Babkirk	Manchester Savings Bank	1940	150.00		.27	4.56	4.50	.33	
Betsey Barnes	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1941	100.00		.36	3.05	3.00	.41	
Percy L. Blood	Manchester Savings Bank	1946	200.00		.16	6.10	6.00	.26	
Laura E. Ball	Manchester Savings Bank	1947	200.00		.23	6.10	6.00	.33	
Eva L. Barron	Manchester Savings Bank	1947	200.00		1.19	6.12	6.00	1.31	
Chas. & Katherine Buckley	Manchester Savings Bank	1949	100.00		.19	3.04	3.00	.23	
Turessa A. Clark	Manchester Savings Bank	1912	200.00		26.20	6.88	4.00	29.08	
Elvord G. Chamberlin	Manchester Savings Bank	1929	100.00		.15	3.04	3.00	.19	

1932	Alvin G. Cheever	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.12	4.56	4.50	.18
1936	Ida G. Cotton	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.23	3.04	3.00	.27
1937	Corning-Merrill	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.24	3.96	3.50	.70
1943	Child-Davis	Amoskeag Savings Bank	21.81	5.23	4.50	22.54
1945	Daniel M. Colby	U. S. War Bond		2.50	2.50	
1946	Charlotte H. Cameron	Manchester Savings Bank		1.4	4.56	3.50
1946	James Collier	Manchester Savings Bank			3.00	1.20
1950	Copp-Carroll	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.09	3.04	3.00
1951	Edwin & Ida Cook	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.06	3.05	3.00
1926	Roseanna J. Dow	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.47	6.10	6.00
1916	Mathew Dickey	Manchester Savings Bank			3.05	.57
1928	Hazen G. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank			3.00	.37
1916	James B. Elliott	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.32	3.05	
1944	Mary H. Buzzell Emmons	Amoskeag Savings Bank			3.04	.37
1923	*James W. Furgason	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.08	3.04	
1920	Herman & Susan Fields	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.09	4.57	4.50
1919	Levi Fisher	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.21	3.04	3.00
1908	S. C. Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.34	3.05	2.25
1912	James W. Fosdick	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.34	3.05	3.00
1926	John D. Fraser	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.26	3.05	.31
1930***Foster-Pearl	Samuel Fuller	Amoskeag & Manch. Sav. Bank .....		.41	6.11	6.00
1940	Washington W. Follansbee	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.51	3.00	.57
1942	J. Frank Foster	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.08	3.04	3.00
1942	Mattie A. Foskett	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.16	3.04	.20
1947	Harold T. Foote	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.45	3.05	.50
1922	Augustus L. Gilson	6 Shares Rockland L&P .....		.225	9.17	9.00
1924	Arthur G. Gordon	Manchester Savings Bank .....		.49	3.06	.55
1918	Harrison G. Green	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....		.19	4.57	3.00
1927	Martha J. Green	U. S. War Bond .....		.50	5.00	
	***George B. Griffin	6 Shares Rockland L&P			3.60	
	Sarah F. Griffin	Manchester Savings Bank			3.60	
1926	Mary A. Gordon	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....			.17	.27
1917		Manchester Savings Bank .....			.40	.305
					.48	.306
					.07	.304
					.80	.11
					.917	.397
					.30	.832
					.32	.305
					.09	2.00
						5.99
						2.00
						1.13

1908	Horace S. Gould	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.07	3.04	3.00	.11
1932	Alice Gray	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.16	3.04	3.00	.20
1939***	George T. Gilmore	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.32	3.04	3.00	.20
1945	Bert Gilmore	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.33	3.04	3.00	.73
1946	Graves-Hall	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.25	6.14	6.00	.239
1948	Walt Goodale	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.48	6.10	6.00	.58
1924	James E. Hale	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	.10	4.57	4.50	.17
1927	David D. Henderson	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	.14	1.51	1.50	.15
1927	Hannah E. Henderson	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.38	3.05	3.00	.43
1913	Henry F. Herrick	Manchester Savings Bank	500.00	.39	15.51	12.00	12.90
1917***	Isaac A. Hodgman	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.21	3.04	3.00	.46
1915	Isaac A. Hodgman	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	.15	4.36	4.50	.17
1918	J. B. Hood	Manchester Savings Bank	52.00	.24	1.59	1.50	.33
1931	Beulah Graves Harmon	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.04	3.05	3.00	.09
1932	Harrison E. Herrick	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.15	3.04	3.00	.19
1936	Dana & Flora E. Hutchinson	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	49.72	4.53	3.00	51.25
1937	Leslie C. Hunter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	.13	4.57	4.50	.20
1938	Clarence L. Hill	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	.27	4.57	4.50	.34
1939	Freeman Hill	U. S. War Bond	1,000.00	25.00	20.00	110.95	
1941	Norris E. Henderson	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.30	3.19	3.19	
1941	George E. Hanson	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.13	6.10	6.00	.40
1943	David Henderson	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.12	6.10	6.00	.23
1943	Charles H. Fields	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.11	6.00	6.00	.17
1946	James C. F. Hodgman	Manchester Savings Bank	350.00	1.39	10.68	10.50	.16
1953	Dr. George B. Hoyt	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00				
1910	Daniel T. Ingalls	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.40	3.05	3.00	.45
1918	Jennie A. Ingalls	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.25	3.04	3.00	.29
1922	*Louise M. Jones	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	.13	1.51	3.00	.58
1907	Louise M. Jones	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	.41	1.53		
1931	George H. Jones	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.15	3.04	3.00	.19
1940	Albert A. Junkins	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.22	3.04	3.00	.26
	Jones-Hoffman	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	.10	4.56	4.50	.16

1948	Ernest J. Johnson	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	1.09	6.12	5.00	2.21
1949	David R. Jones	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	.80	9.15	9.00	.95
1921	John M. Keep	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.51	3.06	3.00	.57
1922	George W. Kimball	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.42	3.05	3.00	.47
1932	Anne King	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.22	3.04	2.00	1.26
1938	Catherine H. Kittredge	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	.18	6.11	6.00	.29
1939	Eri & Lucretia Kittredge	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.20	3.04	3.00	.24
1942	Walter Kittredge	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	1.21	6.12	6.00	1.33
1926	Charles C. Lawrence	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	.13	6.11	6.00	3.00
1921	Henry A. Lawrence	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.32	3.05	.61	.17
1936	Leon E. Longa	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	.10	4.57	4.50	.58
1945	Charles Lougee	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.48	6.10	6.00	.90
1915	Robert Mears	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.80	6.10	6.00	.90
1915	William P. Melvin	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	13.91	9.53	9.00	14.44
1920	John Merriam	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.32	3.05	3.00	.37
1928	Mary Fuller Merrill	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.51	3.06	3.00	.57
1914	W. D. Mitchell	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.17	3.04	3.00	.21
1917	George W. Moulton	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.16	3.04	3.00	.20
1928	Dr. Edwin Hart Merriam	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.05	3.05	3.00	.10
1934	Hannah Mears	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.46	3.05	3.00	.51
1913	McClure	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	.47	9.15	8.00	1.62
1924	McGaw	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.49	3.06	3.00	.55
1925	J. L. McIntire	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.32	3.05	3.00	.37
1929	Simon & John McGilvray	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.67	6.10	6.00	.77
1944	Ella B. MacDonald	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.31	3.04	3.00	.35
1912	Charles S. Nesmith	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.42	6.10	6.00	.52
1923	Lucy C. Nichols	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.02	3.05	3.00	.07
1924	Matthew P. Nichols	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.35	3.05	3.00	.40
1929	Sullivan Nesmith	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.17	3.04	3.00	.21
1919	Charles W. Parker	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	.11	1.51	1.50	.12
1924	Frank E. Parker	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	.23	1.51	1.50	.24
1916	Laura E. Parker	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.11	3.04	3.00	.15

1927	George S. Parkhurst	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.34	6.10	6.00	.44
1920	Alma S. Patterson	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.04	3.05	3.00	.09
1917***	Betsy J. Patterson	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.11	1.51	1.50	.12
1917	Betsy J. Patterson	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.08	3.04	3.00	.12
1918	Warren W. Pillsbury	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.06	3.04	3.00	.10
1929	Thomas Parker Heirs	Manchester Savings Bank	2.01	4.62	4.50	2.13
1941	Anson A. Plaits	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.20	3.04	3.00	.24
1926	Lewis J. Read	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.05	3.05	3.00	.10
1925	Luther Read	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.04	3.05	3.00	.09
1924	Charles A. Roberts	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.46	3.05	3.00	.51
1943	Arthur & Mary Richards	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	10.24	2.25	10.57
1948	Albert D. Read	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	16.86	6.60	17.46
1915	Franklin T. Seaverns	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.06	3.04	3.00	.10
1924	Isaac Coombs Shedd	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	.13	9.13	9.00
1921	Elizabeth Boyson Shedd	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.09	6.10	.19
1917	Daniel H. Smith	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.06	3.04	3.00
1922	Souhegan Lodge I.O.O.F	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	.44	6.11	.55
1928	John E. & Herman M. Stowell	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.42	3.05	3.00
1932	L. E. Sanderson	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.38	3.05	3.00
1952	O. & John L. Spalding	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	.325	3.00	.25
1930	Moses Truell	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.37	3.05	2.00
1918	James S. Thornton Post GAR	Manchester Savings Bank	250.00	14.00	10.00	217.51
1951	Mabel C. Upham	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.03	6.10	5.00	1.13
1921	Milton Wallace & David Barnes	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.39	3.05	3.00	.44
1920	James Walch	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.03	3.04	3.00
1925	Leonard Walker	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.43	3.05	.07
1916	George & Eliza Watkins	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.48	6.10	.48
1926	George W. M. West	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.50	3.06	3.00
1927	Ellen Wheeler	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	.08	6.10	6.00
1922	James M. Wilkins	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.34	3.05	3.00
1910	Henry J. Wilson	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.10	3.04	3.00	.39
1922	Elizabeth A. Wood	Amoskeag Savings Bank .....	.43	3.05	3.00	.48
1914	A. McCauly Wilkins	Manchester Savings Bank .....	.26	3.04	3.00	.30

1928	Thomas H. Watkins	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.16	3.04	3.00	.20
1937	William Wells	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	.08	3.04	3.00	.12
1938	Jeremiah Wood	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	.44	3.05	3.00	.49
1942	Chas. & Isabelle Watkins	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	25.31	3.81	3.00	26.12
1948	Harry Watkins	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2.31	3.10	3.10	2.31
1949	Weston & Theodore Warriner	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	5.68	6.26	5.00	6.94
1953	Eliza Watkins	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	<u>.75</u>	4.58	4.00	1.33
1941	Charles F. Young	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	<u>\$543.54</u>	<u>\$675.48</u>	<u>\$624.55</u>	<u>\$594.47</u>
			<u>\$22,567.00</u>				
1933	Everett E. Parker	LAST REST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION Manchester Savings Bank	\$3,000.00	3	\$ 91.36	\$ 91.36	
1926	Charles G. Lawrence	LIBRARY Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	3	\$ 15.26	\$ 15.26	
1921	Henry A. Lawrence	Amoskeag Savings Bank	60.28		1.84	1.84	
1917	Henry A. Lawrence	U. S. War Bond	500.00	2½	12.50	12.50	
	Betsy J. Patterson	Manchester Savings	150.00		4.56	4.56	
			<u>\$1,210.28</u>		<u>\$ 34.16</u>	<u>\$ 34.16</u>	
		SCHOOL					
1884	Jane N. Gage	Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,425.54	3	\$ 43.41	\$ 43.41	
1884	Joseph Gage	Manchester Savings Bank	5,903.59		180.65	180.65	
1884	Joseph Gage	Amoskeag Savings Bank	2,712.37	3	82.81	82.81	
1884	Joseph Gage	U. S. Treasury Bond	2,100.00	2 7/8	60.37	60.37	
1884	Joseph Gage	U. S. War Bond	1,100.00	2 1/2	27.50	27.50	
1884	Joseph Gage	George Putnam Fund	3,114.00		22.50	22.50	
1926	Charles C. Lawrence	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00		30.53	30.53	

1921	Henry A. Lawrence	Amoskeag Savings Bank	60.28	1.84	1.84
921	Henry A. Lawrence	U. S. Treasury Bond	500.00	14.37	14.37
913	McClure	Manchester Savings	500.00	15.22	15.22
			\$18,415.98	\$479.20	\$479.20
1945	Watkins	Prize Speaking Contest	Manch. Fed. Savings & Loan	2,000.00	16.00

**Mabel King Kemp added \$100 to James W. Ferguson Fund this year.

**Joseph H. Foster—Foster-Peaslee and Fred Peaslee Funds are combined.
**George and Sarah F. Griffin Funds have been combined.

*George T and Bert Gilmore Funds are combined.

George I. and Deli Chinnor, 1 units are combined.

z Roseanna Dow and George H. Jones Funds on the same lot combined.
z Charles G. and Henry A. Lawrence Funds on the same lot combined.

William P. Melvin and W. A. Barker Funds on the same lot combined.
John and Dr. Edwin Hart Merriam Funds on the same lot combined.

Jennie A. Ingalls and Frank E. Parker Funds on the same lot com-
Thomas Parker Heirs and Charles W. Parker Funds on the same

**Alma S. and Betsey J. Patterson Funds on the same lot combined.
The Principals of all funds invested in Banks have been re-invested.

Inc. Incorporated in 1946, has been in business since 1946. It has invested in all funds of the Massachusetts Investors Trust, Fidelity Funds and Chemical Funds, Incorporated Investors, Massachusetts Investors Trust, Fidelity Funds and Chemical Funds—with a few exceptions.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. Dated January 1, 1954.

FLORENCE E. RICHARDSON
JOHN WRIGHT
ROBERT A. BULLARD
Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Merrimack, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Con	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1953						
Jan. 4	Edward Kevin Stevens	M		Manchester	Sherman A. Stevens	Mildred A. Rose
Jan. 5	Kenneth Robert Burgess	M		Nashua	Alfred A. Burgess	Elvira M. Hill
Jan. 23	Linda Dale Patch	F		Nashua	Ralph L. Patch	Irene M. Charron
Feb. 4	Joyce Marlene Patten	F		Manchester	Harold A. Patten	Marlene J. Heath
Feb. 10	Theresa Jean Hill	F		Nashua	Albert E. Hill	Marion E. Burgess
Feb. 23	Richard Joseph Preve	M		Concord, N. H.	Richard C. Preve	Anne K. Martin
Feb. 27	Alan Stepanon	M		Nashua	Edward J. Stepanon	Alice B. McDowell
Mar. 15	Bonnie Lee Greeley	F		Nashua	Perley J. Greeley	Frances M. Houle
Mar. 16	Robert Paul Martineau	M		Nashua	Paul E. Martineau	Beryl E. Potter
Apr. 9	Donald Irving Patten	M		Nashua	Irving W. Patten	Gladys M. Weston
Apr. 9	Ronald Winston Patten	M		Nashua	Irving W. Patten	Gladys M. Weston
Apr. 14	Rebecca Diane Keith	F		Nashua	Donald W. Keith	Ida M. Fraze
Apr. 14	Gayle Ann Granger	F		Nashua	Gay R. Granger	Nellie A. Urban
May 21	Mary Lou Leclair	F		Nashua	Adelard E. Leclair	Fluerette T. Houle
May 31	Raymond Louis Forrest	M		Nashua	Raymond E. Forrest	Rita R. Poitras
June 2	William Carl Penrod	M		Manchester	Allen F. Penrod	Virginia T. Pynenburg
June 8	Louise Marion Kiestlinger	F		Nashua	Henry J. Kiestlinger	Marion M. Hauptmann
July 9	Virginia Ruth Waterman	F		Nashua	Fay R. Waterman	Margaret Parsons
July 11	Margaret Mary Houghton	F		Nashua	Allan R. Houghton	Mary E. Braley
July 15	Susan Lee Rogers	F		Manchester	Perley H. Rogers	Constance L. Mason
July 16	Thomas James Connell	M		Manchester	Orrin H. Connell	Edith M. Murphy
Aug. 7	Julie Ann Patterson	F		Nashua	Dana A. Patterson	Barbara A. Maker
	Milton Christopher	M				
	Greenleaf				Milton C. Greenleaf	Shirley A. Dyson
Aug. 8	Donna Margaret Joyal	F		Nashua	John F. Joyal	Ruth M. Gallagher
Aug. 20	Mary Jane Taylor	F		Nashua	John H. Taylor	Grace M. Miner
Sept. 8	Monica Lee Taylor	F		Nashua	John H. Taylor	Grace M. Miner
Sept. 12	James Patrick Caron	M		Nashua	Henry E. Caron	Anne Sampay
Sept. 13	Jon Allen Greenleaf	M		Nashua	John R. Greenleaf	Claire E. Phaneuf
Sept. 25	Donna Lee Zintel	F		Nashua	Frank H. Zintel	Dorothy L. Flanders
Oct. 8	Paul Albert Hill	M		Nashua	Albert C. Hill	Georgia A. Read

Oct.	20	Wayne Maurice Dubois	M	L	Nashua	.....	Wilfred Dubois	.....	Lora A. Watkins	.....
Oct.	25	Elaine Lucille Smith	F	L	Nashua	.....	Arthur K. Smith	.....	Eunice G. Rollins	.....
Oct.	27	William Albert Hazen	M	L	Nashua	.....	William A. Hazen	.....	Ruth I. Upham	.....
Nov.	2	Cynthia Lee Decato	F	L	Nashua	.....	Harry L. Decato	.....	Mary P. Raymond	.....
Dec.	4	Linda Gail Weston	F	L	Nashua	.....	Paul A. Weston	.....	Patricia M. Desclos	.....
Dec.	5	Garry Hill Kimball	M	L	Nashua	.....	John P. Kimball	.....	Constance M. Hill	.....
Dec.	24	John Edmund Butler	M	L	Nashua	.....	Arnold S. Butler	.....	Helena M. Lyons	.....
Dec.	24	Karen Marie Carpentiere	F	L	Nashua	.....	Bernard A. Carpentiere	.....	Joan M. Phaneuf	.....

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Births is correct according to my best knowledge and belief. Attest:

CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

Marriages Reported in the Town of Merrimack, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	Place of Marriage By Whom Married
1953						
Jan. 17	Arnold S. Perrin	20	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Carl H. Perrin	Dr. Denton J. Neily Minister of Gospel Merrimack, N. H.
	Jacquelyn M. Tucker ..	18	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Janette M. Babcock	
					John H. Tucker	
Jan. 25	Ernest W. Raymond	20	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Rita Mae Babcock	William T. Knapp Clergyman Nashua, N. H.
	Betty Mae Mason	18	Merrimack, N. H.	Maine	Hilda A. French	
					Carleton K. Mason	
Jan. 31	Howard G. Watkins	23	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Myrtle L. Clifford	John Henry Wilson Clergyman Wilton, N. H.
					Guy B. Watkins	
	Margaret J. Fairfield	22	Wilton, N. H.	N. H.	Margaret C. Lenz	
					Edmund Fairfield	
Feb. 11	Dana A. Patterson	19	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Velma I. Nickerson	
					Horace P. Patterson	
	Barbara A. Maker	16	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Anne E. Linscott	
					Ralph E. Maker	
Mar. 8	Harry Leon Decato	19	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Rose O. Kemp	
					Harold E. Decato	
	Mary P. Raymond	17	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Katherine E. Watkins	
					Tracy L. Raymond	
Apr. 30	Omer V. Lavoie	23	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Hilda A. French	
					Michael Lavoie	
	Marion I. Bagley	16	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Beatrice Lavoie	
					Oakley C. Lowe	
May 16	Edgar M. Dugas	33	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Ira Lilias Bagley	
					Charles A. Dugas	
	Phyllis K. Huisak	24	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Zelia Sirois	
					Stanley J. Huisak	
					Zofia Bednatz	

May	23	Roger M. Carlson	25	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Oscar A. Carlson	William T. Knapp
		Lucille Eloise Annis	24	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Helen G. Kittredge	Clergyman
		Warren R. Griffin	21	Rochester, N. H.	N. H.	Bernard E. Annis	Nashua, N. H.
June	7	Donna M. Penrod	20	Merrimack, N. H.	Wis.	Hazel M. Hill	.....
		John J. Donohue	21	West Medford, Mass.	Mass.	Clarence W. Griffin	.....
		Rita N. Dahlman	19	Woburn, Mass.	Mass.	Maybelle B. Jackson	.....
June	25	Carl Arthur Quimby	23	Nashua, N. H.	Penn.	Robert A. Penrod	.....
		Evelyn F. Bruce	23	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Gertrude E. Junkel	.....
		Manuel A. Pires	30	North Easton, Mass.	Mass.	John J. Donohue	.....
June	29	Agnes J. Cassidy	28	Brockton, Mass.	Mass.	Helen G. Smith	.....
		Jos. S. Twardosky Jr.	21	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Verner O. Dahlman	.....
		Elizabeth M. Hughes	18	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Alice M. Peterson	.....
July	9	Charles S. Jackson	82	Lake Worth, Fla.	Mich.	Edwin R. Quimby	.....
		Mabel F. Ball	72	Merrimack, N. H.	N. Y.	Laura May Prior	.....
		Charles F. Morrill	21	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Arthur P. Bruce	.....
		Patricia F. Carmen	19	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Alberta J. Stevens	.....
65		Henry A. Baker	30	Concord, N. H.	Mass.	Anthony T. Pires	.....
		Rosemarie Jameson	20	Reeds Ferry, N. H.	N. H.	Mary Conceison	.....
						John E. Cassidy	.....
						Agnes J. Quinn	.....
						Joseph S. Twardosky	.....
						Josephine Porst	.....
						James T. Hughes	.....
						Zella R. Berry	.....
						Andrew Jackson	.....
						Mary Stowell	.....
						Frank French	.....
						Alice Hendricks	.....
						Philip R. Morrill	.....
						Gertrude E. Miller	.....
						Clarence A. Carmen	.....
						Alice J. Algaier	.....
						Horace S. Baker	.....
						Ida M. Parker	.....
						Howard Jameson	.....
						Celine Forcier	.....
						John Wright	.....
						Clergyman	.....
						Merrimack, N. H.	.....
						Francis Curran	.....
						Catholic Priest	.....
						Merrimack, N. H.	.....
						H. Franklin Parker	.....
						Clergyman	.....
						Chichester, N. H.	.....

Aug.	21	Arthur W. Soles	21	So. Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	George H. Soles	Bolic A. Degasis
		Carol J. Beaubien	17	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Helen M. Mattson	Justice of the Peace Nashua, N. H.
Aug.	29	Clyde F. Berry	49	Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Orin J. Beaubien Sr.	
						Doris E. Watson	
		Stella M. Piecuch	37	Auburn, N. H.	N. H.	Harry F. Berry	Harold W. Woodbury
Sept.	5	Donald W. Gilson	21	So. Merrimack, N. H.	N. H.	Dora B. Davis	Minister of Gospel Manchester, N. H.
						John G. Piecuch	
						Agnes M. Kokoszka	
						Wm. Crouch	
						Cynthia L. Cooper	
Sept.	5	Argenia M. Norris	22	Lancaster, N. H.	Mich.	Lawrence Norris	Catholic Priest Lancaster, N. H.
						Minnie Libby	
Oct.	11	Ovila R. Bourbeau Jr.	24	Bedford, N. H.	N. H.	Ovila R. Bourbeau	John E. Molan
						Eva M. Vallee	Catholic Priest Merrimack, N. H.
		Irene A. Demers	19	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Leo J. Demers	
						Alphonsine M. Grenier	
		William E. Stanley	34	Worcester, Mass.	N. Y.	William E. Stanley	Claude M. Maker
						Lillian M. Greene	Justice of the Peace Merrimack, N. H.
Oct.	24	Ida M. Gustafson	47	Worcester, Mass.	Finland	Frank Lauka	
						Matilda Kargas	
		James A. Cooney Jr.	23	So. Merrimack, N. H.	N.J.	James A. Cooney	John E. Pitts
						Gertrude E. Wheeler	Catholic Priest Nashua, N. H.
		Beatrice Y. Nadreau	21	Nashua, N. H.	N. H.	Clifford E. Nadreau	
						Rose A. Cadieux	
Nov.	21	Armand L. Walver	25	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Armand L. Walver	John Wright
						Gertrude M. Coffee	Catholic Priest Merrimack, N. H.
		Betty Jane Wright	22	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Burton S. Wright	
						Dorothy L. Davies	Denton J. Neily
		Earl C. Dodge	24	Everett, Mass.	Mass.	William T. Dodge	Minister of Gospel Merrimack, N. H.
						HeLEN I. Hiscock	
		Emma M. Baker	23	Merrimack, N. H.	Mass.	Harold V. Baker Sr.	
						Lillian J. Whiting	

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Marriages is correct according to my best knowledge and belief. Attest:

CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Merrimack, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Sex	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Burial
1953						
Jan. 3	Mary Jane Starr	F	S 83 Goffstown	Thomas Starr	Gertrude Killroy	Merrimack
Jan. 24	Linda Dale Patch	F	S 1 day Nashua	Ralph Patch	Irene M. Charron	Hudson
Mar. 2	Mary L. Ashland	F	W 83 Hudson	Delwyn Beed	Mary	Merrimack
Mar. 6	Christian Klingmaier	M	M 57 Merrimack	Christian Klingmaier	Sofie Kutz	Cambr'e, Mass. (Cremation)
Mar. 8	John Pontbriand	M	W 82 Merrimack	Pierre Pontbriand	Philomene d'Argie	Merrimack
Mar. 11	George W. Carroll	M	W 81 Nashua	Henry Carroll	Nellie King	Merrimack
Mar. 20	Harry C. Martin	M	M 72 Merrimack	Charles Martin	Katherine Beacon	Bell's Falls, Vt
Apr. 1	Edith H. Hodgman	F	M 68 Orlando, Fla	Dana R. Hutchinson	Flora E. Walch	Merrimack
Apr. 13	Florence E. Hoitt	F	M 76 Manchester	James Rose	Emma S. Clark	Merrimack
May 8	Arthur D. Leach	M	M 80 Nashua	David H. Leach	Viola Poor	Merrimack
June 11	Myrtle M. Wallace	F	S 84 Nashua	Milton W. Wallace	Margaret Mears	Merrimack
June 22	Lewis E. Gilson	M	W 72 Milford, Conn.	Augustus Gilson	Cora J. Saunders	Merrimack
June 30	Joseph H. Holbert	M	M 56 Merrimack	Fred Holbert	Katherine Cumfort	Boston, Mass.
July 1	Perley J. Mason	M	M 66 Manchester	Ezra Mason	Martha Mason	Merrimack
July 11	Lucy C. Silver	F	W 55 Nashua	Laurent Cyr	Madelaine Dufour	Merrimack
July 21	Kenry Matte	M	M 29 Merrimack	Emile Matte	Maria Gadin	Prov. of Quebec
July 21	William F. Staargard	M	M 74 Manchester	William Staargard	Unknown	Merrimack
Aug. 1	Albert E. Harris	M	M 63 Merrimack	William L. Harris	Margaret J. Loring	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 5	Edwin G. Weston	M	W 87 Merrimack	Herbert E. Weston	Abbie George	Merrimack
Aug. 19	Alton T. Read	M	M 43 Nashua	Clayton F. Read	Annie M. Porter	Merrimack
Aug. 26	Leo J. Belzil	M	M 49 Merrimack	Louis Belzil	Elsie Ouellette	Manchester
Sept. 6	Harry L. Jenkins	M	M 78 St. Petersburg, Fla.	Charles Jenkins	Mary Reynolds	Barnstead
Sept. 10	Matilda D. Bigwood	F	M 80 Nashua	Alexie DeLome	Delina Bouchard	Merrimack
Sept. 14	George B. Hoitt	M	W 83 Manchester	James B. Hoitt	Mancy M. McKeon	Merrimack
Sept. 17	Charles F. Young	M	M 79 Nashua	Edward J. Young	Mary Blake	Merrimack
Oct. 30	Florence A. Kendall	F	M 53 Nashua	David Henderson	Emma Richardson	Merrimack
Dec. 4	Andrew Smith	M	M 50 Manchester	Walter Smith	Unknown	Hudson
Dec. 31	Ivy D. Hilton	F	M 36 Concord	Hedley Falla	Dora Vigneault	So. Merrimack

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of Deaths is correct according to my best knowledge and belief. Attest:

CLAUDE M. MAKER, Town Clerk of Merrimack, N. H.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Merrimack qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board and Trustees for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To choose a Member of the School Board and Trustees for the ensuing two years.

10. To see if the School District will vote to accept the gift of a Memorial Athletic Field.

11. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to put into a capital reserve fund for future building needs.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

13. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate \$350 to install and maintain telephones in all schools.

Given under our hands at said Merrimack this 14th day of February 1954

F. J. O'GARA, Jr.
MABEL P. JEBB
RITA K. PUTNAM
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. J. O'GARA, Jr.
MABEL P. JEBB
RITA K. PUTNAM
School Board

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MERRIMACK**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on hand, June 30, 1952 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$.09
*Received from selectmen (Appropriations for current year)	\$77,494.52
Received from State Treasurer (State Funds)	7,724.38
Received from State Treasurer (Fed. Funds)	814.65
Income from Trust Funds	668.07
Received from all other Sources	2,838.08
 Total Receipts	 \$89,539.70
 Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	 \$89,539.79
Less School Board Orders Paid	89,295.76
 Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1953 (Treasurer's bank balance)	 \$ 244.03

*Include only amounts actually paid over by selectmen
June 30, 1953

W. RUSSELL CUPIT
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Merrimack of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

July 8, 1953

**BEULAH HASELTINE
ILA M. PERRY**

**AUDITORS for the
School District of
Merrimack, N. H.**

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES 1952-53

Salaries of District Officers

Francis J. O'Gara, Jr., School Board	\$ 75.00
Millicent O'Leary, School Board	75.00
Mabel P. Jebb, School Board	75.00
Russell Cupit, Treasurer	35.00
Ella Ashton, Clerk	4.00
Edward Hazeltine, Moderator	4.00
Beulah Hazeltine, Auditor	9.15
Ila M. Perry	9.00
	\$ 286.15

Superintendent's Salary

Supervisory Union #27	\$ 887.21
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Tax for State Wide Supervision

818.00

Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

Supervisory Union #27, Clerk's Salary	\$ 485.93
Mrs. Glenna E. Read, Census Taker	50.00
Edmund O'Leary, Truant Officer	50.00
	\$ 585.93

Supplies and Expenses

\$ 441.21

Books and Other Instructional Aids

Elementary	\$ 577.45
High School	569.05
	\$ 1,146.50

Scholars' Supplies

Elementary	\$ 1,015.02
High School	454.97
	\$ 1,469.99

Supplies and Other Expenses

Elementary	\$ 217.14
High School	154.67
	\$ 371.81

Principal and Teachers' Salaries

\$40,741.43

Salaries of Janitors		
Edmond J. Houle	\$ 550.00	
Dana H. Taylor	550.00	
Joseph Roy	230.00	
Josiah Henderson	250.00	
Alice Maurais	125.00	
Clayton Moore	178.00	
Harry Grant	75.00	
	—————	
		\$ 1,958.00
Fuel		
Elementary	\$ 878.09	
High School	1,067.00	
	—————	
		\$ 1,945.09
Water, Light, supplies and expenses		
Elementary	\$ 1,459.50	
High School	395.76	
	—————	
		\$ 1,855.26
Repairs and Replacements		
Elementary	\$ 3,602.78	
High School	381.26	
	—————	
		\$ 3,984.04
Health Supervision		
Margaret E. Cronin, Salary	\$ 950.00	
Medical Supplies	26.50	
	—————	
		\$ 976.50
Transportation (Arthur Longa)		
Tuition	\$ 8,042.20	
School lunch	\$ 192.12	
Special Activities and Special Funds		
Elementary	\$ 67.27	
High School	302.98	
	—————	
		\$ 370.25
Retirement		
Elementary	\$ 1,150.75	
High School	1,062.22	
	—————	
		\$ 2,212.97

Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	
Elementary	\$ 644.85
High School	340.45

Lands and New Buldings	\$ 958.30
New Equipment	\$ 7,175.00
Elementary	\$ 2,211.35
High School	278.46

Principal of Debt	\$ 2,489.81
Interest on Debt	\$ 7,500.00

Total Expenditures	\$ 1,812.62

	\$89,295.76



RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1953

School District of Merrimack

EXPENDITURES

Item	Amount
Current Expenditures	\$76,821.60
Capital Outlay (Specify)	
Lands and New Buildings	500.00
Additions and Improvements	4,000.00
New Equipment	3,200.00
Debt and Interest	9,181.25
 Total Appropriation	 \$93,702.85

RECEIPTS

State Aid, December, 1953, Allotment (Estimate)	\$12,262.80
Federal Aid (Estimate)	225.00
Trust Funds (Estimate)	475.00
Assessment Required to Meet School District Appropriation	80,740.05
 Total Appropriation	 \$93,702.85

CERTIFICATES

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Merrimack school district held March 7, 1953.

July 6, 1953

ELLA W. ASHTON

Clerk of the School District

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1953-54, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

July 6, 1953

FRANCIS J. O'GARA, Jr.

Chairman of the School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1954-55

School District of Merrimack

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 305.00
Supt.'s Salary (local share)	932.25
Per Capita Tax	946.00
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel	916.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	635.25
Salaries of teachers and principals	56,930.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	1,474.00
Scholar's Supplies	1,608.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	485.00
Salaries of Janitors	3,190.00
Fuel or heat	2,700.00
Water, light, and janitor supplies	2,100.00
Repairs and replacements	1,500.00
Health supervision	1,227.60
Transportation	10,800.00
Tuition	300.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	400.00
Teachers Retirement	3,962.80
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	1,220.00
Additions and Improvements	1,875.00
New Equipment	2,480.00
Payment on Principal of Debt	13,000.00
Payment on Interest on Debt	2,931.25
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$111,917.55

Estimated Income of District

State Aid	\$17,016.54
Federal Aid	230.00
Trust Funds	531.67
Total Receipts	\$17,778.21

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Merrimack School Board:

I herewith submit my Fifth Annual Report.

The outstanding accomplishment this year was the completion of the addition to the high school building. The citizens of Merrimack can well be proud of this structure as it is not only a fine educational structure, but also a very economical building.

A real debt of gratitude is owed to the Board and the Building Committee for the time and effort expended in making this addition a reality. The construction of this building has made possible a much more comfortable situation at the school and in the long run should mean a better education for all Merrimack youngsters.

Although it has helped to relieve some of the large classes still more remains to be done before it can be said that conditions are good. There is now a large second grade and a large fourth grade. Next year it appears as though it would be possible to house but two grades in the Thornton's Ferry School. Hiring two additional teachers, one for the elementary grades and one for the high school should help materially in relieving these conditions.

Many needed repairs were made during the summer. The majority of these were things that have been scheduled to be completed, but were never done because of other, more urgent, unexpected expenses or because of a difficulty in finding a person to do them at a time when the Board felt they should be done. Hiring a full time janitor who was able to make these repairs during the summer months has not only made possible these repairs but has also resulted in considerable saving to the District.

The high moral among the teachers which has been prevalent for the past few years has continued this past year as has the spirit of cooperation between the parents and teachers. As long as this can be maintained, we can be assured of maximum educational opportunities for the youngsters of Merrimack.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. HASTINGS

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

January 1st to December 31, 1953.

Many of the things learned in school which are remembered the longest are often a result of activities held under the supervision of the teachers outside the regular class room.

In my report for 1953, I would like to bring out these activities which I feel have had a great value for our young people in the following field.

I ENGLISH

On Jan. 17, at Rochester, Beverly Cook, Terence Hedges, Norma Penrod and Patricia Regan qualified to compete at the State Prize Speaking Contest at Durham where Patricia Regan placed third in serious declamation.

Annually, the first Friday in November, the Watkins Prize Speaking Contest is held. The program this year was as follows:

1. Patricia Penrod	"I Won't Keep you a Minute"
2. Jacqueline Frost	"We, The People"
3. Judith Pelkey	"The Little Knock Low Down"
4. Norma Hall	"I Had a Lovely Time"
5. Arlene Fournier	"Mom's Bridge Game"
6. Marie Lane	"One of Those Darling Children"
7. Beverly Broad	"I'm Going to Marry a Millionaire"
8. John MacArthur	"The Dentist and the Gas"
9. Suellen Read	"Grandma Keeler Gets Grandpa Keeler Ready for Sunday School"
10. Roberta Burghardt	"Dotty Drives a Bargain"
11. Paula Pynenburg	"A Forgotten Witness"
12. Dorcas Houle	"Ma Goes to Cooking School"
13. Carol Allgaier	"Auntie Takes Junior to the Picture Show"
14. Kathryn Baldry	"Little Mabel"

JUDGES

Miss Barbara Fuller, Alvirne High School, Hudson.

Miss Florence Parker, Principal, Hudson Center School

Miss Kathryn Sweeney, Principal, Fairgrounds School, Nashua

The winners were:

1st Jacqueline Frost
2nd Arlene Fournier
3rd Norma Hall

December 11th The Annual Prize Speaking Contest of Supervisory Union #27 was held at Bedford. Jacqueline Frost took second place.

December 14th at the High School Prize Speaking Contest the order of the winners was as follows:

- 1st Dorothy Brown
- 2nd Terrence Hedges
- 3rd Ralph Brown
- 4th Jane Bastille

In January, Janice Watkins was declared the State winner in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest and was invited to a workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia for all the state winners. By the concerted effort of all of the organizations of Merrimack, money was raised to send Janice and Alice Morrill there for the workshop, February 13-16.

In April a well coached cast entertained a large and appreciative audience with the comedy "Act Your Age" presented by the senior class.

II GUIDANCE

Mr. Frank Mahoney gave an aptitude test to all of the seniors who were not going to college to help them decide what type of work they might like best.

Juniors and seniors attended a career day at Alvirne High School, where representatives from colleges and professional schools were on hand to answer questions in their respective fields.

In October, six seniors went to the U.N.H. High School Day to inspect the plant and find out if they might continue their education there.

Mr Fort again held a meeting in April with the parents of eighth graders to explain the courses offered at the High School and with the help of Mr. Max Gowen, to explain the agriculture course offered at Nashua.

III GENERAL

Maurice Martel and Clinton Norton were chosen to attend the "Youth and Government" conference held March 21 at Dartmouth and April 24-25 at Concord.

The last week in June, the Auxiliary sponsored Norma Penrod and the Reeds Ferry Women's Club sponsored Marjory Morrill to Profile Girls State. The following week John Navin, sponsored by the Legion and J. Wendell Carter, sponsored by the South Village Club attended Profile Boys State.

Report of the graduates of 1953:

Bradford Anctil—Armed Service

Beverly Cook—Office

Irene Demers—Married

Thomas Hujšak—Keene Teachers College

Mary Janas—Office

Richard Mather—Factory

William Michie—Armed Service

Ruth Raskiewicz—At home

Patricia Raymond—Married

Patricia Regan—Plymouth Teachers College

Janice Watkins—New England Conservatory of Music

Richard Whittaker—Cleaners

Bradford Anctil and Patricia Regan won the Babe Ruth Good

Sportsmanship Award. Patricia Regan won the Balfour award and the Readers Digest award. Richard Mather won the Rensalaer Award.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that the new addition to our school has been a great help. It has separated fifth and sixth grades from the junior and senior high not only in classrooms but also in the play grounds, halls and toilets. It has also given us a cafeteria which we use as a library, place to show films, as a play room and bus room.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the help and assistance given during the year.

The generous way the people responded to the Williamsburg fund was most gratifying. Your support of all school functions has been very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND J. HOULE,

Principal

MERRIMACK TEACHERS 1953-54

McGaw Elementary—Mrs. Madeline Bennett, grade 3; Mrs. Marjory Dandley, grade 4.
 Merrimack Grammar—Mrs. Mary Tirrell, grade 1; Mrs Ruth Hamblett, grade 2.
 Thornton's Ferry—Miss Kathleen Ivett, grade 1; Mrs. Alice M. Fissette, grades 2 & 3.
 Merrimack High—Mrs Marilyn Duclos, grade 5; Mrs. Madelaine Hyde, grades 5 & 6; Mrs. Mary Carrick, grade 6.
 Merrimack High—Mr. Edmond J. Houle, principal; Mrs. Alice Dickenson; Mrs. Marie Hevey; Miss Marcelle Montminy; Miss Claire Robitaille; Mr. Chester Steckevicz, Mr. Dana H. Taylor.
 South Merrimack—Mrs. Marguerite Hurley, grade 1-4.

ENROLLMENT FEBRUARY 1, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Thornton's Ferry	22	13	14									
Merrimack Grammar	33	36										
McGaw Elementary			29	40								
South Merrimack	12	8	7	5								
Merrimack High School					49	42	40	36	29	23	20	12
Totals	67	57	50	45	49	42	40	36	29	23	20	12

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of Merrimack:
 Health report for school year from September 1952 to June 1953.

Total number of pupils examined 389.

Defects Found	Number Affected	Corrected
Vision	6	4
Hearing	4	4 under treatment
Speech	5	5 under treatment
Teeth	170	63

Contagious diseases—Chicken Pox 48, Mumps 50.

Registration Day for pre-school children May 14-15, 42 children examined

Two pupils to Orthopedic clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R. N.
 School Nurse

"NO SCHOOL" SIGNAL

If school is to be called off for any reason there will be notice read over stations WOTW in Nashua and WFEA in Manchester at 7:30 o'clock in the morning.

Because the required 180 days of school brings the closing of the school year well into the month of June it is the feeling of the School Board that it would be unwise to call off school unless it is impossible for the buses to negotiate their routes. We are asking all parents to use their own discretion about sending children to school during a bad storm.

WATKINS PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

In accordance with a resolution at the last Annual District Meeting, the following regulations for the Watkins Prize Speaking Contest were adopted by your School Board.

1. The Watkins Prize Speaking Contest will be held the first Friday in November every year.
2. The contest will be open to all pupils in grades 5-8 who have been bona fide residents of Merrimack for at least one year.
3. Any pupil may compete as many years as he wishes or until he has won first place or becomes a member of the high school.
4. It will always be called the "Watkins Prize Speaking Contest.
5. The program including the names of the judges will be printed in the Annual School Report.

